

WEST VIRGINIA

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congr	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002 Uncontrol	FY 2002 Program	FY 2002
<u>Distr Park Units</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Enacted</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
00 Appalachian NST	886,000	893,000	9,000	142,000	1,044,000
03 Bluestone NSR	68,000	68,000	0	0	68,000
01,02 Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	6,540,000	7,207,000	168,000	0	7,375,000
02,03 Gauley River NRA	232,000	234,000	2,000	0	236,000
02 Harpers Ferry NHP	5,111,000	5,626,000	139,000	0	5,765,000
03 New River Gorge National River	5,671,000	5,902,000	139,000	0	6,041,000

For FY 2002, Program Changes reflect increases for the Natural Resource Challenge.

The table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction and Maintenance, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in those programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
New River Gorge NR	Potential New Start

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
New River Gorge NR	102 acres	\$500

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION

None

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$713

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$4,821

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

Fiscal Year 2002 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: New River Gorge National River

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2002): Priority No. 36

Location: Vicinity of Oak Hill, West Virginia

State/County/Congressional District: State of West Virginia/Fayette, Raleigh and Summers Counties/Congressional District No.3

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: None. However, the over-ceiling authority of Public Law 95-42 would permit the requested appropriation.

Cost Detail:

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2002 Request	102	\$500,000
Future Funding Need	11,126	\$11,500,000

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: Largely undeveloped.

Description: The Act of November 10, 1978, authorized establishment of New River Gorge National River. Public Law 104-333, November 12, 1996, revised the boundary to include an additional 8,768 acres of privately owned land.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: A rugged, whitewater river, flowing northward through deep canyons, the New River is among the oldest rivers on the continent. The free-flowing, 53-mile segment from Hinton to Fayetteville is abundant in natural, scenic, historic, and recreational features.

Threat: The river's land protection plan assigns the highest acquisition priority to (1) tracts that contain the river's most significant resources, (2) tracts required for the development of facilities, and (3) tracts proposed for significant levels of visitor use.

Need: For fiscal year 2002, \$500,000 is needed to acquire one tract containing 101.69 acres. This tract is at Fayette Station, where 150,000 whitewater boaters annually takeout after paddling the lower New River Gorge. A sign advertising the property for sale as residential or vacation homesites on "riverfront lots" has been erected within sight of the parking area. Approximately 1000 ft. of the property has road frontage, which could allow for development of the property. Also threatened is the scenic quality of this portion of the gorge, which is visible from the Fayette Station one-way road and the national river's visitor center at Canyon Rim.

Interaction with Landowners and Partners: Following discussion with the landowner, an appraisal of the subject tract has been ordered by the Service. The Service maintains an active, ongoing land acquisition program at New River Gorge. Local landowners are generally supportive of the acquisition program.